



If you go down to the woods today. .

### St Valentines Day Massacre

Wimpey sent a message 'love to the World' on February 14th as the Pollok Free State in Glasgow was attacked by 200 Police and 150 Security Guards. They moved in at 9.30am resulting in the felling of all the trees on the eastern edge of the camp, Local reinforcements (including half a school of kids) allowed Activists to break though Police lines in the afternoon and stop work. Later a dozen or more security quards defected and even more quit in disgust, shamed because of the high level of local protest.

This along with the Alan Stewart 'Pick Axe' incident and the arrest of two of the main protesters - now eventually released, has dramatically increased the public awareness of the destruction of the Pollok Estate by the construction of the M77.

The following day - 15th of Feb. -the 'To Pollok with love' car convoy arrived. These were placed in the Carhenge Monument. Wimpey Contractors attempted to continue tree felling at Dumbreck and Patterton, but were prevented from doing so by Protesters. The campaign even though enjoying massive local support, needs more people & support. Get up to the Camp and see People Power in Action 9 0141 636 1924 / 0141 810 1600

### Squat Cranes For Pollok.

Manchester EF!, not being content with being the first people arrested under the CJA (Nov. 5th), have now gone for the double. On the 6th Feb., nine intrepid crane dwellers spent 64 hours up a Wimpey metallic beast. We loved it (apart from being cold, wet, hungry etc.)

We also issued a writ on Wimpey because they refused us food, water and personal effects whilst up the crane, thus turning the whole thing into a siege, contravening UN Human Rights Legislation. On the 16th Feb. a to Wimpey's barrister and solicitor arguing the case. It was hilarious. It only cost fifty quid for the summons to be issued on Wimpey.

Also, another incident of the crane climb was that Falcon Security, who were "quarding" us, lit a fire undemeath the crane and fried to smoke us out. The fire exits had already been nailed shut to stop us from escaping. Illegal? You could say that. Luckly we had a mobile phone up the crane and so as soon as the smoke woke us up, we rang 999 and within 2 minutes three fire engines with full sirens blazing were present. The Fire Brigade have since conspired with the Police and Wimpy to say that it was a false alarm, but it bloody well

Reach for the Skies 2 0161 274 4665.

### M65 - It's Just Beginning!

The M65 campaign near Preston recently had two bases - the tree houses in Stanworth Valley and the squats in Darwen. Around a hundred police plus bailiffs took nine hours to evict over fifty protesters from the squats, with a dozen arrests. Outrageous bail conditions including curfews were applied. People occupied the roofs, locked on inside, and two also sealed themselves into an underground bunker, which took the bailiffs several hours to cut into. The ground floors of the houses Manchester EFer was in the county court next | had been filled with old tyres, the stairs and some of the floors removed, and generally life was made awkward for the invaders

Although the squats are down, the "Magic Woods" are still going strong - there are at least fourteen tree houses, interconnected with aerial walkways, which are going to be a complete bastard to evict (probably some time next month). HELP is urgently needed, as well as any CLIMBING EQUIPMENT. 0161 861 7895 or 0589 985 996

Computers for Sale - in need of some repair, Brian at the DoT.

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### **Destruction News**

Junior Transport Minister John Watts has decided to rush forward Design Build Finance Operated Road Schemes (DBFO).

The new projects have delighted contractors who are lining up to widen the M40 junctions 1A 3, for widening of the A30 Honiton to Exeter Stretch, the A564 Dover Bridge Bypass and the A19 Norton to Parkway in Cleveland.

The DBFO plans, extend beyond road schemes into hospitals and prisons. Wimpey Health Care is bidding for 5 general hospitals Group 4 & Tarmac have combined in a joint prisons

venture, as have eCostain & Securicor No doubt they will work in unison to supply both the III health and the criminals the system

desires. Let them know how YOU feel.

### eCostain in Choppy Water

Cardiff EF! have escalated their campaign against the Cardiff Bay Barrage They are now having regular weekly actions on Friday @ 11.30am, as well as spontaneous actions whenever possible eCostain, one of the two companies building the barrage, are apparently experiencing severe financial difficulties

Activists in Cardiff recently staged a "hostile take-over bid" of their own when over 40 protesters invaded and occupied eCostain's

Cardiff H O

The chairman of Associated British Ports, who are involved in the Barrage project as well as toxic dumping and live exports, was forced to abandon his lecture to the South Wales Institute of Engineers whilst protesters were escorted out by the police After an hours disruption Sir Keith Stuart resumed his "lecture" to find that the police had only removed half the protesters Avon Gorge EFI also targeted eCostain for action and found the staff eager to know whether they had anything to do with the "organisation" Earth First! It looks like they are now expecting us so let's not disappoint them! Adding to their misfortunes their London offices were recently the venue for some resourceful computer recyclers ... Oh dear

### Scottish Green Student Gathering

March 17-19

University of Aberdeen, meet at Where: Catholic Chaplaincy on High St. from 5pm on Friday

The conference will begin in Aberdeen but will he moving to a remote site in the hills for Saturday night and Sunday We are asking every group to bring vegetarian food for a shared meal on Sunday. If possible, each group should bring their own transportation as we are

The cost is £5 pounds per person. For more information please contact; Brent S 01224 273535 Ext.5730 (evenings) or email u03bjr@abdn.ac.uk

### Smallworld Video

Undercurrents is a video newspaper set up to

spread the word of what campaigns are up to. You film it with any camcorder ,send it to us, we will edit it into a 2 or 3 minute piece that's empowering or we could use it in a longer piece on a broader subject.

Undercurrents 3 Is out in June and I am producing a film on "How to sue the Cops", anyone with any good footage of ridiculous arrests or wants to be interviewed please get in

touchl We are also training activists to get their footage on to the mainstream news thus changing the perspective of what viewers see. Its working well latest success was Kevin from Road Alert! selling his film to news of their action against nuclear shipping! If you want Undercurrents 1 or 2 then call us 2 01865 712521 and for actions filming 8 0171 272 5255 (Paul or Corrie)

We are desperate for people to film around the country who have camcorders. Preston M65 has no one filming so if you can, get active!

#### Severn Seas Gathering

Yr Enfys, in sunny Cardlff, was the venue for the Severn SEAS gathering from the 27th to the 29th of January. 30 workshops happened over the weekend taking in a wide range of topics as well as Crime on Queen Street a series of highly successful Anti CJA Actions.

### Sab Midland Phone Banking!

First Direct, the armchair banking arm of the Midland Bank, are spending £3m on advertising over February and March. Midland bank are 1 of the 2 main targets of the Lloyds and Midland Boycott Campaign (LAMB), fighting against the banks stance on Third World Debt and their non-environmental lending policies

During the TV ad nights First Direct will have an extra 100 staff on the phones. Ring them for a chat! None of them are told about the Lloyds and Midland Boycott A blitz on these nights would raise awareness amongst ordinary staff,

S First Direct on : FREEPHONE 0800 242424. For example, ring in and say that the account sounds good, but are First Direct part of the HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation), who are being particularly unreasonable about Third World Debt, and who also financed the Hawks deal to Indonesia. They are also the major shareholder in the Coalite plant in Derbyshire which spills out more dioxins into the atmosphere than any other factory in the UK

438015 or 424469.

### Do Or Diel

An in-depth, no compromise 'zine from EF! This is one commodity you should consume Articles etc. to Do or Die! c/o South Downs EF! Copies available from DS4A, Box 8, Greenleaf Book shop, 82 Colston St., Bristol BS1 5BB.

### **Diary Dates!**

Every Friday : Direct action against Cardiff Bay Barrage 11,30am ≅ 01222 383363.

1st - 5th March : Green Party Conference Weston Super Mare. S Mirlam Kennet, 0181 882 0955

4th . 5th March : I AMB gathering (Mint Sauce Optional), Leeds & Cath 0113 2629427

Friday 10th March: Solidarity action by Avon Gorge EF1 for Pollok Estate, meet 11am at Brislington Park & Ride off the A4 on the Bath :: Road out of Bristol. 2 01374 953160.

Sunday 12th March : Solsbury Hill anti CJA Rally, Meet Alice Park (Off A4, nr London road). 1-2pm

Tuesday 14th March: Anniversary demo and action, 11am Solsbury Hill, Swainswick, Bath 

Thursday 16th March : Lobby of MPs and Rally at Central Hall, Westminster, In support of the Energy Conservation Bill 2 0171 935 1495 17th - 19th March: SGSN Gathering ≥ 01224 273535 ext 5730

Saturday 25th March: Demonstration against the Hunt Ball, Birmingham 2 01602 590357. Saturday 1st April : Anti CJA actions everywhere April Fool Mr Howard? S Freedom Network 0171 738 6721

Saturday 1st April : March against the CJA 12 Noon outside City Hall, Cardiff

Saturday 1st of April : Mass Trespass at Eithinog against Arfon Council's decision to close off land to the public in order to buildexecutive houses for commuters @ Gwynedd

Saturday 1st of April - 8th : Greenhouse Gathering, Berlin, Four days of workshops, two of actions @ A SEED (Amsterdam) 0031 20 668 2236

14-17 April : Youth CND march from Aldermaston to Westminster Central Hall 0171 607 3616

13-17 April: EARTH FIRST! NATIONAL GATHERING, Collymore Farm, Coles Hill, nr Swindon. 2 01635 521770.

Saturday 15th April : International Day of Action against McDonalds - it's their 40th anniversary, so make it memorable for them McLibel Support Campaign 0171 713 1269 Monday 17th April: Mass Civil Disobedience

London. S CND 0171 607 3616 25th - 30th April : Training for Activists, Jigsaw Non Violence Project, Oxford, 

Emma 01865

770833 28th April - 1st May : Shut Sellafield Action, Vigil, Peace Camp & Party. S 01706 371387

Activists & support still needed S 01392 July: Trial begins of the first EFI people nicked under CJA. Support & sympathy Wimpey crane actions needed ≥ 0161 274 4665.

Justice? from Brighton continue to do them selves proud with the weekly publication of their News Sheet - SchNEWS, Highly Topical and the most up to date news outside of this publication. Send SAE to Justice? (see back)

### IDIOTORIAL

Cardiff EFI have now taken on the compliation of Earth First! Action Update! with Manchester EFI handling the distribution - and it's out at the beginning of each month. The deadline for the April edition is Monday March 20th. So send us your articles, news, dates, photos, criticisms and cartoons. If you send it we will print it - but keep it short!

Either post them to us, fax, e-mail, or dictate them onto our answer phone. As it's now double sided A3 there's no excuse for not photocopying and distributing it in large numbers! Or contact Manchester EF! for more copies. Sell it on demos, on stalls and in your local book shops - this is our media, lets

Also, if you've recently come into a large amount of money, please give it to us - we're running on a budget of minus £37.41!, so make your large cheques payable to EFIAU. And most of all, don't just read it, DO IT!

DISCLAIMER: All events & Actions are imaginary and any relation to real life is entirely coincidental.

### Earth First! National Gathering

Yes, at last we're going to have a gathering! It will be over the full moon lunar eclipse of Thursday 13th to Monday 17th April, This is over the Easter holiday as this is the only other time, apart from Xmas when almost all construction work stops, so people won't be out on actions!

Come along and share ideas / resources. Its our gathering so lets make it one to remember. Think of workshops you could run, skills we can share or things you'd like to learn. Bring anything you think we might need (e.g. tents, pots/pans & drums) Absolutely evervone is welcome.

If you've never been to an Earth Firstl event in your life - this is the time to start. It'll be empowering and fun - a break from all the madness in the world

We'll be camping at Collymore Farm. Coles Hill (1 mile east of Swindon), It's on the last bus leaves Swindon at 6pm (No. 72/73). Bring a tent and warm clothes, but dogs may be a problem. £2.50 a day for food or DIY. 2 01635 521770 for details/offers of support. Get in contact with your other local EFI

### groups to share lifts, spread the word, EARTH Open Cast Mining

Wales against Open Cast is a network of community groups fighting a 50% expansion of open cast coal mining across South and parts of North Wales. They have produced a new bilingual campaign manual called "Wales for Sale - Open Cast Mining and Privatisation". 8 01656 783405. All interest

### Critical Mass!

Critical Mass is a monthly organised coincidence. On your own on a bicycle the odds are stacked against you, but if a group of cyclists all decide to cycle the same route at the same time you can get your own back! Regular events have been organised in these starting all the time: Aberdeen, Birmingham (1st Friday of the month), Cambridge, Lancaster, Manchester, London, Cardiff, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Oxford, Bristol, (all last the month), Leeds (2nd Saturday of the month), Leicester, and York (1st Saturday of

Contact your local cycle shop for details or, if there's not one near you, start your own, they are easy to organise, just make some posters

#### Corporate Watch

Corporate Watch, the research arm of Earth First! have produced a guide to researching companies. Send them a stamped addressed envelope at Oxford EF! for a copy (and a donation if you can afford it). Please also send them any info on destruction companies you think might be useful.

### Solsbury Hill

On March 14th 1994 construction of the Swainswick and Batheaston bypass was due to start.



people from Earth First and the Save Our April 1st is the National day of Mad April CIA Solsbury group locked to the diggers, actions occupying the offices and blocking the gate entrances; work did not start for two days. The campaign high point was in the summer

when hundreds of people came from Bath & all over the country, to try to stop the destruction of the side of Solsbury Hill and Ratheaston Water Meadows The last eviction took place in September.

and since then there have only been accasional actions on the work site.

On the anniversary of the campaign the action camp will be re-established and everyone is welcome to join us on the hilltop from Saturday March 11th, National Anti Roads Demonstration - Tuesday 14th March, 11am, Solsbury Hill, Swainswick, Bath. Bring all Your Friends, Face Paints. Banners & D Locks. You Can't kill the Spirit! before

There will also be an Anti Criminal Justice Act event on Sunday, March 12th organised by Bristol anti-CJA Solidarity group. Meet at Alice park 1-2pm

#### No A55 Campaign

The A55 Euroroute to Dublin across North Wales is approaching one of its most needless and destructive stages. The final stage across Ynys Môn (Anglesey) will run parallel to the already existing A5 road. No plans have been made to invest in the

railway which goes right into the port of Holyhead. Environmentalists in North Wales have been campaigning for transport investment that serves the needs of the local communities and not those of motorists. Wales EF! 01286 830312

### Freedom Network - April Fool!

The Freedom Network unites and networks opposition to the Criminal Justice Act. For more information or offers of help send a S.A.E. to The Freedom Network, 372 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, London, SW9 8PT 2 0171 7386721. The Welsh Freedom Network has just been set up at Yr Enfys, 32b Cowbridge Road East, Canton, Cardiff, 2 01222 343066. Contact London for details of

Avon Gorge EF take it to Wimpey in Bristol. 3 arrested for Agg. Tress. Charges Abandoned happening everywhere. imaginative and hit the headlines. April Fool.

### Hunt Sab Update

Two hunt saboteurs arrested at the Ashford Valley Fox Hunt meet at Chainhurst, Kent, were convicted on charges of aggravated trespass at Maidstone Magistrates Court. They were fined £100 and £200 respectively. with costs of £60 awarded against each of

Both have announced their intention to appeal and to take the case as far as necessary to protect the right to protest. Over 100 Hunt Sabs have already been arrested under the

It is intended that police forces who seek to use the C.J.A. in the aggressive and oppressive way that the Kent and Northamptonshire forces have done, will be facing a hefty bill for damages with precious little to show in the way of convictions. Hunt Sabs 01602 590357

### Break the M11 Link

On the 16th February the M11 Link Campaign marked the anniversary of the siege of Wanstonia with a site invasion. They rushed the fence and occupied cranes and pile drivers on the main construction site bringing construction to a halt for the rest of the day. The campaign is still alive and kicking with a benefit folk evening in Leytonstone on Friday 3rd March. 2: 0181 527 4896 (new contact) or 0181 538 2638.

### Twyford Down

Following a large number of illegal arrests at Twyford Down during 1993, Hampshire Police are being sued for wrongful arrest, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, 10 people have already received pay outs in the region of £5,000 and dozens more cases are to follow.

So, If you're arrested under suspect conditions what are you going to dol? Get yourself a decent lawyer or Road Alerti 01635 521770 for the number of one. And, if you're feeling guilty about getting all that money there are plenty of Earth Firstl groups desperate for funding.

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